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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

SUBJECT: Operational Security Aspects of Financial Support

REFERENCE: Confidential Funds Regulation 1.9

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1. The views of this Office relative to the security standards under which clandestine support files should be maintained have been fully expressed to Mr. [REDACTED], member of the Task Force assigned to the development of Regulations covering this subject. It is felt that the requirements of your recent memorandum on this subject have been satisfied thereby.

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2. Although it is felt that consideration of this subject, prior to, and apart from the preparation of the projected [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is somewhat premature, inasmuch as this Office is satisfied with present arrangements and security standards cannot very well be separated from other aspects of administrative processing and procedures, we will be pleased to cooperate as required in further considerations of the matter. In this connection, it is desired to call your attention to the basic dispersal concept which this Office follows in maintaining covert records and our opposition to any extensive centralization of administrative records, by category or otherwise. It is for this reason, that the final determination as to record placement must be retained by the case officer who in most cases is the only individual who fundamentally "needs to know".

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FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

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Chief, Administration

cc: Finance Division